Kutir Jyoti Programme in Maharashtra

1340. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kutir Jyoti Programme is under implementation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only meagre grants have been made to the State for this programme during 1997-98;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for meagre allocation; and

(e) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to improve quality of life of rural poor below the proverty line including Scheduled Castes and Schduled Tribes families. Union Government releases grant under Kutir Jyoti Programme to provide single point light connection to rural poor. The grant for this purpose it given to SEBs/State Governments through Rural Electrification Corporation. As per available information upto March, 1997. Rural Electrification Corporation so has far disbursed Rs. 6.07 crores as grant to Maharashtra State Electricity Board and State of Maharashtra has reported to have released 1,52,848 single point light connection.

(c) to (e) Out of the total grant of Rs. 25 crores for Kutir Jyoti in 1997-98, for all States Rural Electrification Corporation has made a provision of Rs. 1.40 crores for Maharashtra State Electricity Board for release of connection to rural poor in this year.

Actual Investment in the Power Sector

1341. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has recently cleared power projects worth Rs. 4877.5 crores, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the actual investment in the power sector at the grand level is not taking place and the clearances issued remain just on papers; and

(c) if so, instead of concentrating in the clearance aspect whether Govt. intend to see that actual implementation does take place, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Details of power projects which have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) during 1997-98 (up to 30.6.1997) are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Capacity (in MW)	Estimated Cost
	HYDRO SCHEMES		
1.	Vishnuprayag (HEP) (M/s Jaiprakash Industries Ltd.) State: U.P.	400	US$ 107.35 million + Rs. 1233.57 Crs.
2.	Turial (HEP) (M/s NEEPCO) State: Mizoram	60	Rs. 448.19 Crs.
	THERMAL SCHEMES		
1.	Bina TPS (M/s Bina Power Supply Co.) State: M.P.	578	US$ 175.41 million + Rs. 1820.62 Crs.
2.	Ramagundam TPS (M/s BPL Power Projects (AP) Ltd.) State: A.P.	520	US$ 369.30 million + Rs. 1073.56 Crs.